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Quick Facts

■ President Anthony DiGiorgio received the Citizenship and Service Award at the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce's seventh annual meeting.



President Anthony DiGiorgio

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Described by his peers as impassioned for excellence and committed to partnerships, President Anthony J. DiGiorgio was recognized on Jan. 27 for his service to the community.

DiGiorgio received the **Citizenship and Service Award** at the **York County Regional Chamber of Commerce's** seventh annual meeting. The award, sponsored by Duke Energy and established in honor of the late Eddie Black, recognizes an individual or group that has worked for the greater good of the county.

"This is very humbling," **DiGiorgio** told the crowd of 580 at the Baxter Hood Center. "It's terrific for two reasons – two words – citizenship and service. They are a part of our heart and soul. We work to infuse that into everything we do at the university."

DiGiorgio was credited with leading an effort to increase enrollment, minority enrollment, average SAT scores and sustained high performance at Winthrop over his 17-year tenure. His management of a more than 900-member workforce, annual budget of \$90 million and overall annual economic impact of nearly \$200 million in the region was noted, as was his commitment to a variety of local, regional and national organizations and causes, including Success by Six, United Way of York County, Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation, Community Builders of York County, Charlotte Regional Partnership and boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of Charlotte, National Collegiate Athletics Association and the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

In accepting the award, **DiGiorgio** reflected on his friendship with Black, one of the leaders in merging several area chambers into one, and how supportive Black was of DiGiorgio and Winthrop for many years. He also noted how welcoming the community has been to him and wife Gale since they came to Rock Hill in 1989.

Also honored at the event were Barre Mitchell of Bowater with the Lifetime Business Achievement Award and Sen. Wes Hayes with a Special Recognition Award.

Other award winners were: Ellen Byrd, who received the 2005 Ambassador of the Year Award; Marion Davenport, who received the Small Business Person of the Year Award; Harvey Hawkins, who was named the Fort Mill Area Council Business Person of the Year; Manning Kimmel who was named the Rock Hill Area Council Business Person of the Year; and Ginny Myers, who was named the Tega Cay Area Council Business Person of the Year.

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